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FOR MAGEE FROM SCHMIDT

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1. AS YOU MAY HAVE SURMISED, ONE OF THE REASONS WE SENT THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM WAS TO GIVE AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN AGAIN WITH THE ARGUMENTS FOR AT LEAST A BRIEF MEETING BETWEEN MLADENOV AND THE SECRETARY. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, OUR READING IS THAT THE CHANCES OF SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE VIRTUALLY NIL EVEN WITH ANOTHER STRONG RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AMBASSADOR.

2. COUNSELOR NIMETZ' OFFICE HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH MLADENOV IN NEW YORK CITY AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 26 AND 28. THE COUNSELOR WOULD BE WILLING TO CALL ON MLADENOV AT THE BUL-
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GARIAN UN MISSION, AND HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE THE AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATE.

3. AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNSELOR TAKES A VERY CLOSE INTEREST IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. HE SOMETIMES PLAYS THE ROLE OF SPECIAL EMISSARY, AS IN THE CASE OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO BUCHAREST.

4. WE BELIEVE A NIMETZ/MLADENOV MEETING COULD BE A SATIS-
FACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR
VIEWS VIA THIS CHANNEL. CHRISTOPHER

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